

**In the Claims:**

Please replace pending claims 31 and 33 with the amended claims set forth below:

E1  
31. **(Thrice Amended)** An isolated polypeptide fragment comprising at least 50 consecutive amino acids of SEQ ID NO: 2 wherein said polypeptide fragment comprises the amino acid at position 191 of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said amino acid is glycine or a conservative substitution thereof, and wherein the polypeptide fragment comprises at least one biological activity of Fab I.

E2  
33. **(Thrice Amended)** An isolated polypeptide fragment comprising at least 30 consecutive amino acids of SEQ ID NO: 2 wherein said polypeptide fragment comprises the amino acid at position 191 of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said amino acid is glycine or a conservative substitution thereof, and wherein the polypeptide fragment comprises at least one biological activity of Fab I.

Please add the following claims 35, 36 and 37:

E3  
35. **(New)** An isolated polypeptide, wherein said polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence encoded by a polynucleotide that hybridizes under stringent conditions to the complementary strand of a polynucleotide having SEQ ID NO: 1 and wherein said polypeptide comprises the amino acid at position 191 of SEQ ID NO: 2, or its equivalent, and said amino acid is glycine or a conservative substitution thereof.

36. **(New)** An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 95% identity with the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said polypeptide comprises the amino acid at position 191 of SEQ ID NO: 2, or its equivalent, and said amino acid is glycine or a conservative substitution thereof.

37. **(New)** An isolated polypeptide, comprising an amino acid sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 2 with 0 to 10 conservative amino acid substitutions, wherein said polypeptide comprises the amino acid at position 191 of SEQ ID NO: 2, or its equivalent, and said amino acid is glycine or a conservative substitution thereof.